

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 746**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee**

February 17, 2005

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An act to add Section 755 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

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AB 746, as introduced, Blakeslee. Public utilities: billings.

Existing law authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to supervise and regulate every public utility in the state. Existing law authorizes the commission to establish rules for all public utilities, subject to control by the Legislature. Existing law authorizes the commission to fix the rates and charges for every public utility, and requires that those rates and charges be just and reasonable.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to establish policies to eliminate obstacles that prevent public utilities from offering convenient bill payment methods to customers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 755 is added to the Public Utilities  
2 Code, to read:  
3 755. It is the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent  
4 legislation, to establish policies to eliminate obstacles that  
5 prevent public utilities from offering convenient bill payment  
6 methods to customers.

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